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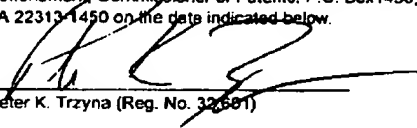
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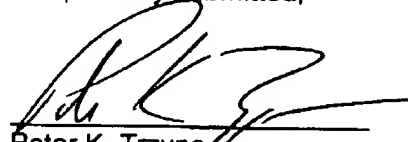
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

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On October 13, 2004, a Notice of Non-Compliance was received from the PTO in above-identified application.

The Notice of Non-Compliance states that the amendment to the claims received on 27 August 2004 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because the status identifiers are not one of the permissible identifiers.

In response, Applicant is filing the 27 August 2004 Amendment and Response

with corrected status identifiers. The Amendment and Response itself has not been altered in any other way.

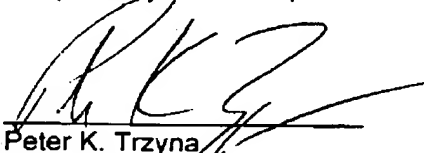
Long ago by telephone, the undersigned asked the Examiner to resolve Sec. 112 matters by an Examiner's Amendment, but the Examiner has declined to do so. In each communication, the Examiner has been requested to call the undersigned if it would further prosecution, but the Examiner has declined to do so. Now, much has been written and much time has passed, where a professional communication would have sufficed.

During a telephone conference with the Examiner and the undersigned on 17 October 2004, it was agreed that the changes made in said Amendment and Response would meet all outstanding requirements for allowance. If any issue should surface, however, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned to expedite prosecution. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set out below if it can in any way expedite or facilitate issuance of a patent on the application.

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**AMENDMENT**

S I R :

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 3, 2004, in the above-referenced patent application, please reconsider the application in view of that which is set forth below.